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Dear Shirley,

Not until the funeral oration did I know that President Kennedy's favorite book of the bible is also mine. Itxx is Ecclesiastes.

It says what I could not, in a way I never could.

That each of us sustains similar tragedies that are without reason or need and that serve no purpose makes them no more bearable when they are so personal.

I wish there were something I could say or do, that there were some special understanding I could impart.

There is a special suffering that is a mother's, a grief that I do not believe can be even a father's. There is also a special responsibility that is a mother's that perhaps magnifies her grief when she has other children to help over their suffering, which they are less prepared to meet.

Be grateful for them as you try to help them.

To the degree another's can, out hearts shares the hurt of yours.

Sincerely,